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Letter dated 14 July 2014 from the Permanent Representative of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit the following information:

The Islamic Republic of Iran has recently raised the Iranian flag over part of the island of Abu Musa that is allocated to the United Arab Emirates under the 1971 memorandum of understanding concerning the island. The Government of the United Arab Emirates strongly protests against that step, which it considers to be a flagrant violation of the memorandum of understanding that does not affect the legal status of the island.

In that regard, the United Arab Emirates stresses that the 1971 memorandum of understanding did not transfer sovereignty over the island of Abu Musa or any part thereof to the Islamic Republic of Iran. Since 1980, the latter has taken measures on Abu Musa that violate the memorandum of understanding with a view to bringing the island under Iranian sovereignty. The Government of the United Arab Emirates has continued to protest against those measures.

The Government of the United Arab Emirates hereby calls on the Islamic Republic of Iran to rescind those measures, immediately remove the Iranian flag and comply scrupulously with the 1971 memorandum of understanding.

Every year, through the United Nations General Assembly, my Government has called on the Islamic Republic of Iran to agree that the question of the three Arabian Gulf islands of Greater Tunb, Lesser Tunb and Abu Musa should be referred to the International Court of Justice unless the two countries can reach a negotiated solution within an agreed time frame.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter issued as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Lana Zaki **Nusseibeh**
Ambassador
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